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FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 8: Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 5, Group 2, Article 36, Section 2940.6, and Appendix C of the High Voltage Electrical Safety Industry Safety Orders

Updating National Consensus Standards for Insulating Protective Equipment

MODIFICATIONS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RESULTING FROM THE 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There are no modifications to the information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSES TO ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMENTS

I. Written Comments

Mr. Ken Nishiyama Atha, Regional Administrator-Region IX, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, by letter received on September 2, 2008.

Comment:

Mr. Nishiyama Atha stated that based on Region IX's review of this proposal, the proposed amendments to Section 2940.6 and Appendix C of the High Voltage Electrical Safety Orders render the state standard at least as effective as (ALAEA) the comparable federal standard on this issue.

Response:

The Board acknowledges Region IX's determination that the proposal is ALAEA the federal standard.

The Board thanks Mr. Nishiyama Atha for his comment and participation in the Board's rulemaking process.

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II. Oral Comments

There were no oral comments received at the September 18, 2008 Public Hearing in San Diego, California.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

None.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

DETERMINATION OF MANDATE

This standard does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts as indicated in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board invited interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed standard. No alternatives considered by the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted action.